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BYSIEWICZ RELEASES OFFICIAL CANDIDATE LIST FOR NOVEMBER 4TH BALLOT

HARTFORD: Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today officially announced that Winsted, Connecticut native and Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader (I) has received more than enough valid petition signatures to guarantee a spot on the November 4th ballot. The Libertarian Party, however, did not reach the 7,500 signature threshold for petitioning candidates to qualify. As a result, Libertarian candidate Bob Barr will not appear on Connecticut's ballot.

"I believe Democracy is best served when voters have more choices; it forces candidates to talk about a wider range of issues," said Bysiewicz. "This November when Connecticut residents head to the polls every federal race on the ballot will have at least one minor party candidate. These successful petition drives show the healthy state of our democracy. Voters in Connecticut continue to seek out candidates for office who have integrity and will work hard to find answers to the problems they face every day. It is very encouraging to see so many people with a desire to run for federal and state office. I congratulate all the candidates that have made the November ballot."

In total, 42 petitioning candidates for President, Congress, and General Assembly (excluding cross-endorsed candidates) qualified for November's ballot. (A full list of candidates for state office is attached)

In the 1st Congressional District, Green Party candidate Stephen Fournier has qualified to run against Congressman John Larson (D) and Republican Candidate Joe Visconti.

Green Party candidate G. Scott DeShefy has collected enough petition signatures to qualify to run against 2nd Congressional District Congressman Joe Courtney (D) and Republican candidate Sean Sullivan.

Ralph Ferrucci is the Green Party's nominee in the 3rd Congressional District against Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D) and Republican candidate Bo Itshaky.

4th District Congressman Chris Shays is being challenged by Democratic Candidate Jim Himes and two petitioning candidates: Green Party candidate Richard Duffee and Libertarian Candidate Michael Carrano.

In the 5th Congressional District, petitioning candidates Harold Burbank (Green) and Thomas Winn (Independent) as well as Republican State Senator David Cappiello are running against Congressmen Chris Murphy (D).

Click here to view 2008 State Representative Candidate List

<http://www.statementofvote-sots.ct.gov/StatementOfVote/WebModules/ReportsLink/CLNWStateRepView.aspx?Parameter=11/04/2008-General>

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Candidate List PDFs Attached.